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SUBJECT: TRADE OPPORTUNITY: PREHEATING PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION
OF COKING COAL

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1. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY LETTER OF NOV. 16, MAREK FROM
MINISTRY OF METALLURGY AND HEAVY ENGINEERING INFORMED US
NOV 29 THAT MINISTRY IS NOT INTERESTED IN A CZECHOSLOVAK
GROUP VISIT TO PLANT IN CARLING, FRANCE. HE ASKED THAT
EMBASSY THANK COALTEK PRESIDENT FOR THE INVITATION BUT TO
TELL HIM GOC ALREADY HAS SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE
PROCESS.

2. WE HAVE NO NEW INFORMATION ABOUT CZECHOSLOVAK PLANS TO
ADOPT FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY FOR PRODUCTION OF COKING COAL.
WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE TURN DOWN OF THE INVITATION
TO VISIT FRANCE, AFTER A COUPLE OF YEARS OF GREAT INTEREST
IN VISITING THE NORBUTTENS PLANT, MIGHT INDICATE
THEY HAVE CHOSEN ANOTHER SUPPLIER/SYSTEM OR HAVE
PLACED THE AQUISITION OF SUCH EQUIPMENT/TECHNOLOGY
LOWER DOWN IN PRIORITY.

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